

# BENTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

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## MINUTES OF THE BENTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

July 10, 2014

Commission members present: John Brown, Jr., Russell Anzalone, and Robbyn Tumey

Others present: Election Coordinator Kim Dennison, Sharon Rose, and Deputy Clerk Tiffany Underwood

Media: Tom Sissom, Benton County Daily Record

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and welcomed everyone.

### **Minutes:**

Chairman Brown asked if there were any additions or corrections to the March 19, March 21, and April 1, 2014 minutes. There being no additions or corrections, Chairman Brown made a motion that the minutes be approved as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Anzalone. Motion carried by voice vote.

### **Unfinished Business:**

None

### **New Business:**

- A. Ballot Draw for the Annual School Election to be held September 16, 2014: Chairman Brown stated that the ballot draw for the Annual School Election would be determined by the filing date and time according to the Political Practices Pledge. Chairman Brown asked if there were any candidates or representatives present to draw for positions. Chairman Brown explained that if a representative is not present, then an election commissioner would draw for that position. Chairman Brown stated that if there are no objections, he would begin the ballot draw with Gentry, At Large Position 6. Candidate Sheryl Braun was present. Chairman Brown stated that Sheryl Braun drew position number one (1) and that Coye Cripps would be position number two (2) on the ballot. Chairman Brown stated that with no other candidates present, the ballot draw would continue in the order as listed. Election Commissioners Brown, Anzalone, and Tumey signed the Certificate of Ballot Draw for the Annual School Election to be held September 16, 2014.

- B. Order to Establish the Official Polling Sites and Early Voting Sites for the Annual School Election to be held September 16, 2014: Chairman Brown stated that there would be eight (8) polling sites available on Election Day and that early voting would be held at the County Clerk's Office in Bentonville, Rogers, and Siloam Springs. Commissioner Tumey asked Election Coordinator Kim Dennison if the schools have input as to voting locations. Kim stated that because of the Gravette millage question, the school would like to have four (4) locations in the Gravette area open on Election Day: (1) Gravette Civic Center; (2) Sulphur Springs Community Building; (3) Hiwassee Fire Station; and (4) Highlands United Methodist Church. Chairman Brown asked for further discussion. There being no further discussion, Chairman Brown made a motion to accept the Official Polling Sites and Early Voting Sites for the Annual School Election to be held September 16, 2014, seconded by Commissioner Anzalone. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. Order to Appoint John M. Brown, Jr., Russell Anzalone, and Robbyn Tumey to Process, Count, and Canvass Absentee Ballots for the Annual School Election to be held September 16, 2014: Chairman Brown made a motion to appoint Commissioners John Brown, Jr., Russell Anzalone, and Robbyn Tumey to Process, Count, and Canvass Absentee Ballots for the Annual School Election to be held September 16, 2014, seconded by Commissioner Anzalone. Motion carried by voice vote.
- D. Order to Establish the Official Polling Sites and Early Voting Sites for the City of Bella Vista Special Election to be held September 9, 2014: Chairman Brown stated that there would be seven (7) polling sites open on Election Day and that early voting would only be held at the County Clerk's Office in Bentonville. Chairman Brown asked Commissioners Anzalone and Tumey for discussion. Commissioners Anzalone and Tumey expressed concerns that there should be an early voting site in Bella Vista due to the millage being for Bella Vista. Commissioner Anzalone stated that it would be a disservice to the citizens of Bella Vista not having an early vote site available, and the most logical location would be Riordan Hall. Commissioner Anzalone asked Kim the approximate cost to have Riordan Hall as an early vote site. Kim stated approximately \$1,500. Chairman Brown made a motion to accept the seven (7) polling sites for the City of Bella Vista Special Election to be held September 9, 2014 and to table the order for the early voting sites until Commissioner Anzalone had clarification on using Riordan Hall as an early voting location, seconded by Commissioner Tumey. Motion to table, carried by voice vote.
- E. Order to Appoint John M. Brown, Jr., Russell Anzalone, and Robbyn Tumey to Process, Count, and Canvass Absentee Ballots for the City of Bella Vista Special Election to be held September 9, 2014: Chairman Brown made a motion to appoint Commissioners John M. Brown, Jr., Russell Anzalone, and Robbyn Tumey to Process, Count, and Canvass Absentee Ballots for the City of Bella Vista Special Election to be held September 9, 2014, seconded by Commissioner Anzalone. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Other Business:**

Commissioner Tumey asked Deputy Clerk Tiffany Underwood how the IPower computer software vs. paper poll books worked on the Rocky Branch Election. Tiffany responded that the system worked well and allowed the poll workers to check a person's voter registration against the poll books, and if a change was needed, the poll workers contacted the county clerk's office and the record was updated at that time. Chairman Brown stated that he was pleased with the way the system worked for the Rocky Branch Election.

**Public Comments:**

None

**Announcements:**

None

**Adjournment:**

Chairman Brown made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Anzalone. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell J. Anzalone, Secretary  
Prepared by Sharon Rose  
Benton County Election Commission